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Maybe cold, maybe hot,
what you see is
what you got

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How ya doin'?

Apparently unaffected by the February blahs, Sabrina gives the photographer a tentative smile. From her baby's eye view of the world, the snow and fog that kept many students feeling under the weather last week, don't count for much. But then, she isn't old enough to walk through the pouring drizzle. Her only responsibility is to be one of the many babies and toddlers cared for at Niagara College's Early Childhood Centre.

Photo by Elizabeth Lereverend

Editor won't cover on-campus 'murder'

Several business students have come up with a game which has been met with total disapproval by several instructors, including Austin Jelbert, editor-in-chief, Niagara News, who said he would not cover or promote an event which could be harmful to people of the college.

Frank Curley and Kathy Hughson, third year personnel management students, thought of the idea and have organized a game called Murder Inc., which will begin Monday March 10, and end Friday March 14. However, Mr. Jelbert said the game will not receive coverage and results of the game will not be published.

Frank, who had not yet learned of Mr. Jelbert's objection, said, "We've informed SAC president John Turner — he thinks it is a great idea and wants to know how it turns out."

Mr. Jelbert said the game, which involves the use of suction darts, is potentially dangerous not only to the players involved, but for everyone in the college.

Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director, educational and student services, has agreed with Mr. Jelbert that the dart game has the potential to injure someone.

There are 25 competitors, all of whom draw the name of another competitor from a hat. The person who draws the name is the only person who is to know the identity of the victim.

Frank could not be reached for comment at press time to answer fears that the guns used could be harmful, and not harmless as he had said.

Eye damage can result

Supposedly harmless war dart games can cause serious irreparable demage to eyes.

"Any missile can cause eye problems — that goes for BB guns, spitballs or whatever," Welland opthalmologist R. J. Tweedy said.

As an eye specialist, Dr. Tweedy said he is primarily concerned with eye injuries; dart and war games cause him worry.

"It's usually the most benign type of missile that *causes the greatest damage,"* he said. Dr. Tweedy advises anyone participating in these types of games to wear eye protection — that goes for bystanders too.

Cannot help gallery

Niagara College is not in the position to do anything to prevent the closing of Hennepin Art Gallery, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said last week.

It was made clear from the beginning the gallery was independent, not a college gallery, she said. The gallery's board of directors is having difficulty replacing three co-curators who have organized the shows for two years.

If a volunteer for the position is not found by September there will be no art shows next year.

"I think we've co-operated as much as we can to make the facility available," she said.

But there tends to be a lack of interest in the community and "blaming the college is not really fair."

The college provides the space, heating, lighting and security for the gallery, set up for the Welland, Fort Erie and Port Colborne art communities.

A number of people from the college have served on the board of directors and the financial aid office acts as security, but the real driving force behind the gallery was Tom Fraser, chemical program instructor, Miss Robarts said. "He gave five years of devoted service to it."

SAC releasing new election rules

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council will release new rules and regulations for the upcoming election sometime this week, John Turner, SAC president, said.

The changes, proposed by a special committee, were to be approved or amended at press time and John would not make any comment before council had decided on the proposals.

The changes are reported to include doing away with the party system, which, according to Niagara News files, was first introduced in the 1980 election campaign.

SAC created the "review committee," at the beginning of this year, to make up a new set of rules and regulations governing elections. The committee had hoped to complete its work in December.

A story in the Oct. 15, 1985, edition of the Niagara News reported the committee would revamp the whole system to "bring better organization and less confusion to the election process."

PROBLEMS LAST YEAR

During last year's election, a polling station was closed two hours early and had to be reopened six days later. An election tribunal decided complaints about re-opening the poll would not constitute holding a new election. John Turner, last year's president, was named president by virtue of five votes over independent candidate Thomas Stockwell. No other positions were affected by re-opening the poll.

Other changes the committee was to work on include written and revised rules concerning the monitoring of polling stations, putting together an "election package" which would contain the rules, a nomination form, election schedule, and a statement of responsibility to be signed by each candidate.

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Distinguished "gents" Diane Martin, left, Margaret Ferencz, middle, and Jill McKechnie, seated, warm up for some merriment. The Club runs from Feb. 21 to the 25, at the Niagara College Thearte Centre, 54 Empire St., Welland.

Photo by Marie Chamberland

WV officers go to work

Two members from the Welland Vale Senate, Jim Pringle, president, and Fred Martin, treasurer, resigned Feb. 14 to get five weeks of practical welding experience at the Port Weller Dry Docks.

"It was a last-minute thing," Jim said. "I didn't know until last Friday (Feb. 14) that I would be going. It is a decision I had to make. When an opportunity presents itself, you have to go with the opportunity. School is more important than being senate president."

Mark Williston, vice-president, took over as president, but will have to be replaced when his tool making course finishes Feb.27.

The remaining senate members and class representatives held a meeting to see who would fill the vacant positions on Feb. 19.

Mark said an election will be held in about two weeks. "No one wants the position right now, I think. Donna Wood, who chaired the meeting, will act as president when I leave."

Return to log cabins

By SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

Modern home construction does not include the use of rough-cut logs — 10 inches in diameter. However, a company in Creemore, Ont. is trying to change all that.

The Timothy J. Bullock Company makes custom-designed and built log homes. They are assembled in the same way Scandinavian homes have been built for 700 years.

The difference in the way he builds log homes is that they are actually built twice, once on the Creemore site, and finally assembled on the home-owner's property.

"This way, we can ensure quality in construction," Mr. Bullock said. "If things aren't just right, we start all over again. I have the equipment and craftsmen here as well as my materials."

All the homes are basically of custom design. A customer sends Mr. Bullock a rough sketch of the floor plan desired, and his draftsmen produce a workable blueprint. The customer can make as many alterations to the plans as he wants until a satisfactory design is achieved.

Additions will raise the cost, but the customers don't mind. Once a final plan is agreed upon, a cost estimate is provided and construction begins.

"Our homes are sculpted with adze, broadaxe and chainsaw. Once the home is built, we take it apart, piece by piece, identifying every part.

"The pieces are put on a truck, shipped to the job site, and our men will re-erect the home in one day - anywhere in North America."

Most of the time, the finishing work is done by another contractor, but Mr. Bullock's company will do the finishing on any home built within a reasonable distance of his shop.

Most of the joinery is done through nothching. Very few nails are used in the construction of the log home since the building material is eight to 20 inches thick.

The shell of these homes costs about $14 per square foot. A 2,000 square-foot home costs $28,000, only $2,000 more than a similar home built the modern way.

Mr. Bullock says his customers feel it is worth it. "For a home as unique and individual as a custom-built log home, the extra cost is more than made up for in pride of ownership."

Half-day sessions sharpen ERT skills

Educational Resources Technician students are spending five half-day sessions at the Niagara Peninsula Cripped Children's Centre to prepare them to meet the growing needs of the multi-handicapped.

First-year students are working with therapists in the physiotherapy and speech pathology departments aiding children afflicated with cerebral palsy, spinal bifida, hydrocephalus and epilepsy.

Students will be taught how to lift, carry and feed the children aided by physiotherapists who will give some medical background on the conditions they will encounter and set up slides to demonstrate correct manouvering techniques. Students will then practise these techniques on each other in preparation for working with the children in the classroom setting.

"My students will help these children not only with their educational skills but with their daily-life skills," Elvira Lucas, ERT co-ordinator, said. With this training the children will get more out of their environment.

Beginning in March, second-year students will work with speech therapists learning the different means by which the handicapped communicate, including sign language, symbolics and Bliss.

The philosphies of mainstreaming and intergrating students have resulted in a greater number of multi-handicapped in the regular school system and a greater need, for trained professionals to assist with instruction.

"Because of Bill 82 which says education must be provided regardless of the disability of the child, many parents demand their children be integrated," Mrs. Lucas said. "This is where ERT graduates come into play, giving one-to-one assistance."

The philosophy of de-institutionalizing the retarded and putting them in local residences has also put students in greater contact with multi-handicapped persons.

Parents who have retarded and multi-handicapped children are no longer encouraged to put them in an institution but to seek in-home care subsidized by the government. Trained students will go into the home to relieve parents from their never-ending duties.

"As the needs in the community change, we have to change our program," Mrs. Lucas said. We have to zero in on the demands of society and provide good quality help. Students must be very well-trained to take on this sophisticated work.

Elections

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The election rules have been the topic of SAC presidents' concerns from as far back as 1971.

Then, newly elected president Jack Gravel said the election procedures needed revision.

In 1976, SAC president Denis Noel said "elections will be more clearly explained to the candidates to eliminate any problems that might occur."

He said the guidelines were included in the SAC constitution, which was drawn up in 1973, and would be distributed "so there won't be mass confusion like last year."

The committee who worked on this year's revisions included Hugo Bessems, student liaison officer; Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of student and educational services; Ken Winer, vice-president of internal affairs; and Ann Buller, who resigned her position as activities co-ordinator Feb. 7.

No reason has been given for Ann's resignation by her or anyone from SAC.

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SUE MARKS MARK MADSEN

Hospitality convention 'terrific' despite Montreal gremlins

Valentine's Day weekend was anything but quiet and romantic for Niagara College tourism and hotel and restaurant students. The students travelled to Montreal by way of a special "Ryerson express" train to attend Hospitality Update '86, a hospitality industry convention for students.

Line-ups, a stalled elevator and a long wait for hotel room keys were some of the problems they encountered at what was billed as the largest, most exciting student conference in North America.

This was the first year Niagara College tourism students attended the conference founded by students in the hospitality and tourism programs at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Hotel and restaurant students Mark Madsen and Sue Marks organized the trip for Niagara students. They felt the convention was a terrific experience and an excellent opportunity to learn about the hospitality industry.

"I learned a lot about running a hotel of that size just by observing," Mark said. "The waiting staff and the service was very good." Despite the problems, Mark said the dinner and dance Saturday night made up for everything. "The dance was prearranged to have students mix and mingle, I met so many people."

Niagara College has also been asked to hold the next Hospitality Update at the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls. "It's still up in the air, though," Sue said.

More than 1,000 students from all over North America stayed at the Sheraton Centre in Montreal. Most had to wait two hours in line to get their room keys. Students also reported elevator horror stories.

"One Niagara student spent an hour trapped with 18 people in the hotel elevator on the 36th floor," Mark said. They were finally rescued by another group of students who pried the doors open and helped them to safety.

Students took part in lectures, seminars and workshops throughout the weekend. Their only complaint was that the seminars were not of easy access for English speaking students.

"This was the first Update in Montreal and all the conferences were in French. Some were translated but there were only two rooms set up for simultaneous translation," Mark said. Many of the students were unaware that the seminars were mostly in French and when they planned to attend, did not arrive early enough to be set up with translating equipment.

Hotel students' work wins Ryerson award

Two students from the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls received marketing awards for the work they did organizing and arranging student participation in a weekend convention in Montreal, Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

Mark Madsen, a first year representative for the Rainbow Centre, and Sue Marks, a first year student who shares the secretary duties of the Hotel Club with another girl, worked together to organize and arrange Niagara College hotel management and tourism students' participation in the Hospitality and Tourism Update Convention '86 held at the Sheraton Centre in Montreal. They received word that they had won the awards two weeks ago.

The awards were given by the Ryerson School of Hospitality and Tourism, Mark said, for getting the most number of students per college (in ratio to the number enrolled) to sign up for the convention. Martin Robertson, executive director of the Hospitality Update Advisory Board, sent each of them a letter of congratulations and a certificate, and Mark said they were told they would each be receiving a cheque for $165.

Sue and Mark "took this on" after Debbie McCarthy, the previous Hotel Club secretary, resigned for personal reasons in October, Mark said. The Hotel Club president, Jill Knicley, asked them if they would take over and they did.

Right up until the students left on their trip, the two were responsible for getting registration forms, student lists, collecting deposits from students, sending passenger lists to the Toronto office from which the convention was being planned, cross-checking student lists with Toronto, and they even organized the train transportation — connections and ticket arrangements — from St. Catharines, Grimsby and Niagara Falls to connect with the Ryerson Express in Toronto.

Because the hotel campus is so small, they encouraged everyone to go, Sue said. They had some cancellations, and some students got in at the last minute but overall 24 students attended the convention, which hotel students have been attending for more than 11 years.

Named VP

F. Bill Ford, Niagara College Board of Governors' vice-chairman, was elected vice-president of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) at its annual conference in Toronto Feb. 12.

Mr. Ford is in his fourth year as a college board member.

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Gourmet's pot-pourri April 5

The Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls is having its 19th International dinner and dance April 5, at the Canadian Cultural Polish Community Centre, on Thorold Stone Road, in Niagara Falls.

Students, without supervision, will be responsible for the entire dinner from the cooking to the serving, Mark Madsen, first-year representative at the hotel management school, said. The students even devised the menu, which includes dishes from five countries: France, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Greece. The meal will begin with hors-d'oeuvres, followed by avocado soup, Greek salad, Venetian green beans, Swiss steak, corn Espagnole, roast potatoes, and for dessert, Baklava, which is a Greek pastry.

The Variations, a live band, will be playing after the dinner until the midnight buffet is served.

Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 each. Those interested can call Jill Knicley, the Hotel Club president, at 357-1763.

Hort show blooms on March 15, 16

Organizing a trade show may sound like a big job to some, but for four Niagara College students it's par for the course. In their case, the course is the horticultural technician program, and the trade show is part of the Horticulture Centre's annual Open House ceremonies.

The four second-year students — Karen Smith, Andrew Pepetone, Rob Gagen and Chris Kuetrel — are lining up the display services of area nurseries, lawn care companies and chemical companies for the trade show to be held Laura Secord Secondary School on Niagara Street in St. Catharines, across the street from the centre. The show will run hand-in-hand with the Open House at the centre, on March 15 and 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"It's a form of advertising for the companies, and the homeowner gets to learn," Rob said of the trade show. About 25 booths are expected to be set up in the high school's cafeteria area, which will be a showcase for new products and methods in landscaping, lawn care and home gardening. There will be no admission charge.

The students may be turning a new tradition at this year's show by offering an award for the best display. An antique shovel acquired by the centre is to be mounted on a plaque for presentation to the winner, and the award will be passed down from year to year. For patrons of the show, there is the chance to win — companies will be raffling off products during the show.

Naturally, the trade show is of great benefit to the students at the centre. "We meet more people," Rob said. "That's how we get jobs."

The show is only half an event the Horticulture Centre works toward annually. Complementing it is the open house at the centre.

Open House is a chance for students to show off to the public — and perhaps a prospective employer or two — what becomes of hard work in the classroom, greenhouses and outdoors. Rooms which harbor desks, tables and chairs will be scenes of outdoor pleasure come the second week of March.

"We do a complete landscape in one room," Rob said, and suggested that such a set up may include a pond.

Last year's Open House and trade show attracted more than 3,000 people, and all at the Horticulture Centre are hoping to pull in even larger crowds. The events are held on a Saturday and Sunday, so there will be ample parking available at Laura Secord.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth at the trade show may contact Karen, Rob, Andrew or Chris at 934-4071 during the normal school hours of 8:30 to 4:30. Booth size is 8' x 10' and is available for $50, money which, Karen said, goes back into Open House.

Program needs ministry nod

The green light could be offered within a month for a new adult training program in Niagara College's school of business.

A proposal for a 40-week computer business applications officer program has been submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities for final approval. If the OK is given, the program will be ready to go in September.

Students of the new program will be required to put in 1,080 hours of study. After earning a certificate of competency, graduates may find work as microcomputer operators for medium-sized businesses or trust companies, as office clerks in retail computer sales, or as sales people for their own companies.

Courses will include mathematics, English and business law, as well as computer application. At the request of Canada Employment and Immigration, minimum course entry requirement is Grade 10 or equivalent mature student standing.

Preparation for the program is being handled by Andy Ferguson, chairman of the school of business' applied management division, and Ross Holmes, teaching master. Mr. Holmes said the proposal has been approved through college channels, such as the local advisory committee, the President's Executive Council and the Board of Governors. The only steps left are ministry approval, which could be given "probably within the next month," and the approval of the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission.

Knight Life to continue

Student response to the Student Administrative Council newsletter has been nil so far, Wayne Willis, vice-president of SAC, said.

The first newsletter was put out Feb. 10. SAC ran into a little problem getting it printed — Ann Buller, former activities programmer, forgot to send it out, Wayne said — and eventually had it done in the college.

SAC is hoping to branch out into two pages, both sides, for the next edition.

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Editorials

Ads can hurt your eyes

In a world where things are changing every day, it is not uncommon to find mature students returning to school to upgrade themselves.

In fact, the government says that most of us will be retrained three or four times during our lives.

A lot of people are unemployed today because they do not know that these retraining courses are available and probably never will unless they have perfect eyesight.

People suffering from eye strain have probably read a recent Niagara College registration ad in a peninsula daily newspaper.

The type heavy ad, centred in the page in small print, is difficult to read especially for mature students who may be in their 30s, 40s or 50s and whose eyes are deteriorating.

Another Niagara College ad, on the same page, about Challenge '86, a subsidized student employment program for the summer of 1986, was equally as hard to find and read.

But lo and behold, justice may be done; look opposite the registration ad and there is still yet another Niagara College ad in large type and is easy to read, easy, that is, if you read French.

It seems likely the only people benefiting from these ads are the lucky ones who happen to stumble across them, people who speak and read French fluently and, of course, the eye doctors whose numbers of patients suffering from eye strain have increased with every ad printed.

Steve Forbes

Is it really worth it?

The election of a Conservative government under Prime Minister Brian Mulronery has opened up the closet door to reveal a skeleton Canadians had thought to be well hidden from possible resurrection, the prospects of free trade with the United States.

Many economists in Canada, particularly those who are involved in international trade, voice the opinion that the economic salvation for Canada requires an open free trade policy with the United States.

Since 1882, the argument for or against free trade has been broiling in Canada. Edward Blake in an address to the electors of West Durham said, "Our adversaries wish to present to you an issue as between the present tariff and absolute free trade. That is not the true issue. Free trade is, as I have repeatedly explained, for us impossible; and the issue is whether the present tariff is perfect, or defective and unjust."

Sir John A. MacDonald in reply to the question of free trade said, "There are national considerations far higher than the mere accumulation of wealth, than the mere question of trade advantage; there is prestige, national status, national dominion — and no great nation has ever risen whose policy was free trade."

Canada has a a choice. If it is solely a question of economic survival and national identity be damned, then let us implement it quickly. If, however, Canada has something which is unique and worth saving, something worth more than just "mere accumultaion of wealth," then, stand by your principles Canada.

Free trade in itself will not solve our economic problems in Canada. The solution lies in re-establishing our national goals and striving towards solutions which make this country unique and Canadian. If this is not worth upholding, then perhaps the assimalation which will surely accompany full free trade will put the issue to rest for good.

Joseph McCarthy

Ombudsman helps fight bureaucracy

By AUDREY BARRICK
Staff Writer

More than 100,000 complaints and requests have been made to the Ontario Ombudsman since the office opened in 1975.

Ombudsman? It is a Swedish word for protector or defender of citizens; to Canadians, he is the "people's friend against the government."

Eugene Maltais, who teaches the role of the Ombudsman in his politics course, says the office is fairly new and many people have no idea they can get help there. "It is lost in the shuffle of bureaucracy," he said.

The job of the Ombudsman is to investigate complaints about the provincial government and try to resolve them.

The Ontario Ombudsman is Daniel Hill, father of Canadian singer Dan Hill. Dr. Hill took office on March 21, 1984.

Sweden had the first Ombudsman of modern times in 1809, but they can be traced back to ancient Rome.
Alberta had the first Canadian Ombudsman.

Mr. Maltais said the one common thing shared by everyone who uses the Ombudsman's services is that they are "ordinary citizens who feel that a provincial official has done them wrong." They are "little guys who haven't got a club" and they feel as if they are being railroaded.

The office covers all departments of the provincial government including workers' compensation, OHIP, family benefits, education and the Liquor Control Board.

It cannot deal with federal matters, municipal affairs, cases against private individuals or companies. Nor can it consider court, judge and Cabinet decisions or actions taken by the government's legal advisers.

Dress code

Among the Maiou tribe, an agricultural people whose territory lies on both sides of the Chinese-Burmese frontier, the women wear long skirts with richly embroidered border at the hem when they work in the fields.

The border consists of strongly-defined squares, each containing different patterns, enclosed by thick horizontal stripes.

This dress requires an enormous amount of time to embroider and the women will not work in their fields in any garments other than these specially embroidered outfits.

Renegotiations

Auto pact poses risks

By STEVE FORBES
Staff Writer

Re-negotiating the auto pact would pose unnecessary risks to the Canadian automotive industry and should not be included in free trade discussions with the United States, Hugh P. O'Neil, provincial minister of industry, trade and technology, said in St. Catharines.

Speaking to a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club Feb. 13, Mr. O'Neil said he is concerned about negotiating a comprehensive free trade agreement with the U.S. because Ontario has the most to gain, or lose, in any free trade agreement. The reason for this is that 90 per cent of all Ontario exports go to the U.S. and more than one million Ontarians are employed in export-related jobs.

"The Ontario government is not about to take a blithe 'leap of faith' into a situation which could potentially have devastating effects, not only on our overall economy, but also on the livelihoods and neighborhoods of our citizens and communities."

"I cannot envision the U.S. government bending over backwards to help us improve our auto industry when such improvements might occur at their own industry's expense.

STILL NEEDED

"We needed the auto pact to participate in the growth of this industry," Mr. O'Neil said. "I believe we need the auto pact to help us during its possible shrinkage."

"I would welcome any agreement with the U.S. which is an improvement on the auto pact," he said. "Unfortunately, I do not believe this is possible at the present time."

The officials of this ministry are being told by the auto industry representatives that the auto pact, such as it is, is good for Canada and the Canadian Motor Vehicle Industry and there is greater potential for harm than good if the auto pact is re-negotiated at the present time, he said.

In 1978, Simon Reisman was appointed commissioner of a special federal government inquiry into the current and future development in Canada's automotive industry.

Mr. Reisman explored with senior U.S. officials the desirability of reformulating the auto pact and concluded that "it would not be timely to request the U.S. to reopen the auto pact. It also concluded that it would be fruitful at this time to initiate discussions looking to the extension of automotive type conditional free trade in relation to other industrial sectors."

MORE RESEARCH

Mr. O'Neil said he would like to see more research and development and the establishment of locally integrated assembly operations by the Japanese in Canada.

Earlier in the day, Mr. O'Neil visited the Ontario Centre for Automotive Parts and Technology in St. Catharines. The centre is one of seven Ontario government technology centres in the province.

The industry provides a domestic market which enables other large Canadian industries — iron and steel, rubber and aluminum, machinery producers and tool and die shops — to remain strong, dynamic and competitive.

Focus on The Bottle

Abuse troubles teens

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

Going out for a few drinks on a Saturday night is supposed to be a privilege that comes along with age.

But today, many teenagers, some far under the legal drinking age, end up in trouble with home, school and the law because of alcohol and drug abuse.

"Learning to drink is like learning a new skill," Bill Kernahan, consultant, Addiction Research Foundation, Niagara Centre, said. "Most of the time when you see a problem with those who are 16 years old or younger, it is severe and there is a lot of human tragedy."

Doug, 19, — not his real name — became involved with both alcohol and drugs at the age of 14 or 15. Since then, his life has been filled with court dates, parties, unemployment lines and hospital stays, because of three suicide attempts.

"I drank because it made me feel good and allowed me to be part of the crowd," Doug said. "I guess I drink now because I really don't know how to stop even though I don't like what it does to me."

Young age

At age 15, Doug was placed in a half-way house by both his parents and the courts for his use of alcohol and his involvement with drugs. After he was released his bad habits continued.

His parents sold their Brampton home for a home in St. Catharines, hoping a change in scenery would be beneficial for their eldest of three children, but that did not happen.

Doug soon found new friends and was again drinking too much, selling drugs and getting into trouble with the law for stealing cars or anything else he could get his hands on.

Statistics compiled by the Addition Research Foundation prove Doug is not an unusual case.

A survey indicates a "downward shift" in drug and alcohol use but the decline in alcohol was "non-significant."

The foundation has been studying alcohol and drug use among students for more than 15 years. Since 1977, studies have been done throughout Ontario every two years and the last one, completed in 1985, surveyed 4,154 students in grades 7,9,11 and 13 from 193 schools.

"Though the survey indicates there is a decline more has to be done," Mr. Kernahan said. "The public has to give a consensus that they are interested. That takes years of time and effort.

Recognize

"First you have to recognize the problem then find the cause. Right now we are just putting oil on the squeaky wheel.

"With alcohol being our drug of choice and so accessible to teenagers, you are going to see problems," he said. "If you look at crime statistics, most young people who are involved in more serious crimes such as break-and-enter, are also ivolved with alcohol, drugs and possibly both."

He said some, maybe even most, of those who get into trouble are not alcoholics, they just can't handle what they drink because it's new to them.

Some are first-time drinkers who associate drinking with recreational activities, he said. "They then drink too much and end up getting hurt."

Doug said he fell into that situation when he wanted to "get-high" before going on the ice to play hockey.

"I didn't like what I was making of my life because all I was doing was going to get drunk or high," he said.

Suicide

Instead of getting help, Doug chose to try and end his life.

He woke up three weeks ago in the psychiatric wing of the St. Catharines General Hospital. He tried to inject air into his blood with a syringe but missed the vein. It was his third attempt.

Last December, he borrowed a friend's car and a vacuum cleaner hose with the intention of ending his life but changed his mind. Instead, he got drunk, stole a car and drove to Ottawa to visit a friend. He was charged two days later for the theft of the car.

Three years ago he attempted suicide for the first time. After drinking more than 40 ounces of rye, he swallowed close to 50 sleeping pills and cut deep into his right wrist with a knife. His father found him in his room, screaming from the pain.

"I figured life wasn't worth living and I am still not sure it is," Doug said. "The first time I really wanted to die but the pain made me scream," Doug said.

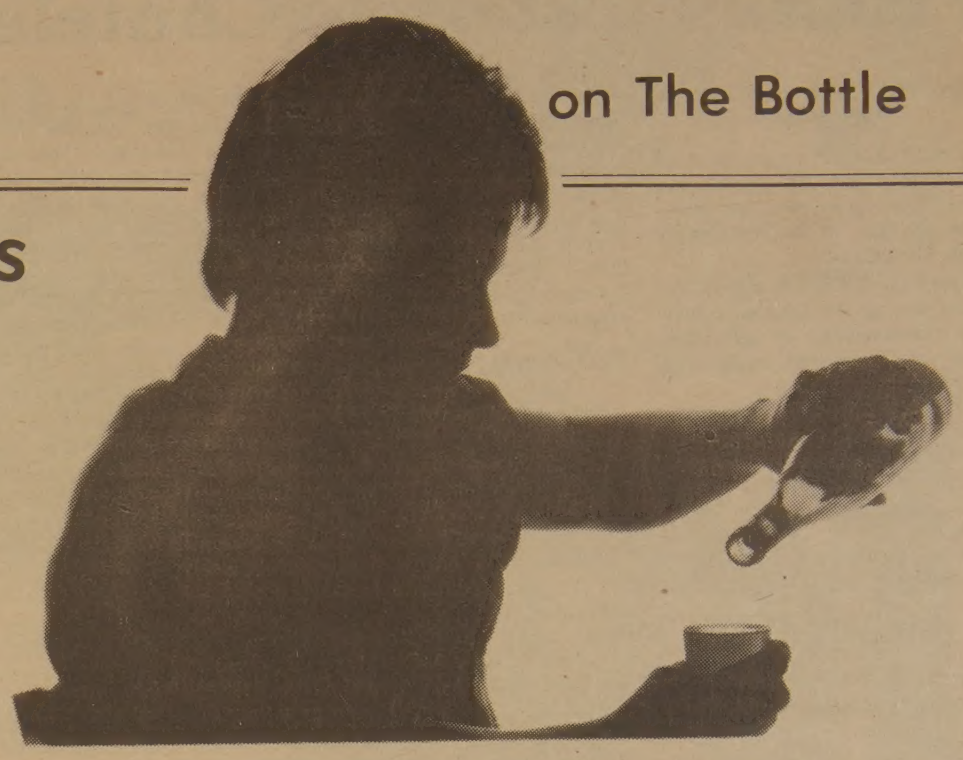
Criminal

Today, Doug is out on bail and living in a half-way house once more. He has not lived at home for more than a year because his parents could not handle him. He is scheduled to leave for a rehabilation program in Buffalo next week.

"I am not sure if it will work," Doug said. "I don't know why I continue to do the things I do. I guess being a criminal is the only good thing I can do."

His parents hope that the rehabilitation centre will end their son's problem but they are not quite sure. "They have been waiting for the day when the police will knock on the door to tell them Doug succeeded in ending his life," a friend of the family said.

Those who feel they or someone they know has a problem, with drugs or alcohol, are urged to contact the Addition Research Foundation, who will direct them to the proper orgaization.



Many teenagers end up in trouble at school, home and with the law because of alcohol abuse. There is a downward shift in alcohol abuse, but the decline was not significant. A person who is an alcoholic faces a lifelong st/ ggle, but there is help available.

Detox centre offers return to sobriety

By STEVE FORBES
Staff Writer

The first all-women's non-medical detoxification centre in Ontario was opened by the Ministry of Health in May, 1985, after a number of calls from women who suffer from alcoholism.

"The only place women could go before was to Kitchener Rehabilitation Centre," Fred Hughes, director of the men's and women's detox centres in St. Catharines, said.

The women's detox centre is a five-bed unit staffed by all women and has had more than 500 admissions since it opened.

"We are satisfied that the size of the women's centre is sufficient for this area," Mr. Hughes said.

In 1975, the Ministry opened an all-male detox centre and has had more than 18,000 admissions into 18-bedroom, two-storey house, averaging 145 a month.

Drunk tank

The staff members work together to remove the poison from the body and enters the resident into a program that best suits her needs.

"A lot of people think that a detox centre is a drunk tank filled with people from skid row, but that just isn't true," Mr. Hughes said.

The centre has treated people from ages 15 to 82 including doctors, one chief of police, ministers and phychiatrists.

"Once a person has become an alcoholic, there is nothing he can do but drink. An alcoholic is a person who cannot predict their reactions after they take that first drink."

It has nothing to do with intelligence, friends or money; alcoholism is a disease, and like any disease, it needs treatment, Mr. Hughes said. "The hardest thing to realize is that he needs help. Until the alcoholic realizes that alcohol has beaten him — we call it complete surrender — there is nothing we can do."

The people who go to the detox centre have made up their mind to do something about their problem and are open and easy to talk to.

"The first thing we do when a person comes through the door is give them a shower and get them into a warm pair of pyjamas to settle them down."

The staff works with the individual and finds out about his background.

"Our job is to detox the person and move them into rehabilitation that best suits their needs," Mr. Hughes said. "Each individual is different and not all programs are the same."

Strength

The greatest strength of the nine-member staff is all are recovered alcoholics who can share their personal experiences with the residents.

"There is no pressure here. A person who wants to do something about his drinking problem has to do that on his own. We can encourage them, but we can't force them. We are not here to direct really, we are here to lead."

Forty per cent of the people who have come through the centre are sober today and have managed to keep their jobs and family because of sobriety, Mr. Hughes said.

"We have never turned anyone away and we never will. When a person decides to something about their problem, you can't tell them to come back in two weeks when a bed is available.

"We have had people who have showed up here 35 or 40 times and you have to accept them just as you did the first time they arrived and hope this is the time they will quit."

The Ministry of Health decided that alcoholism was a disease 20 years ago and opened a detox centre in Toronto staffed by doctors and nurses.

After one year, there had been more than 1,200 admissions, but only five per cent of those needed medical attention. The ministry decided that the best way to handle the situation would be to open a non-medical detox centre that would be connected with a hospital for the five per cent who do need medical attention.

The Niagara Regional Detox Centre is a wing of the Hotel Dieu Hospital and has a budget from the Ministry of Health which is administered by the hospital.

Publishing: a large order to fill

By KAROLIN ALKERTON
Staff Writer

All it takes is a couple of thousand dollars and anyone can be a publisher.

There are thousands of small publishers mostly in large consortiums as bigger companies have been acquiring them.

"A publisher is not exactly what the dictionary might tell you," Lyman Newlin, merchandise manager for John Coutts Library Services of Niagara Falls, told library technician students Feb. 13.

For hundreds of years publishing was a family business but now a publisher is essentially an entrepreneur. He brings the written word into the house, edits, buys paper and helps in finding virtually unknown books — to mention a few of his many responsibilties.

Publishing companies accept and fill orders for all books published and distributed except for those who do not sell through a wholesaler. They provide help in buying foreign publications, through access to publishers world-wide and can provide material published by university presses, small presses, associations, societies and government agencies. Orders are received and checked against inventory. If the material is not available, it is ordered directly from the publisher.

BETTER PLAN

An approval plan system was instigated by Richard Abel in which actual books did not have to be sent to libraries, Mr. Newlin said. An approval slip is sent instead and the decision of whether or not a book will be purchased is determined. The approval slips contain all the essential bibliographical data the library needs.

Coutts Library Services offers the largest range of firm orders in North America; they have active accounts with 26,000 United States publishers and 87,000 Canadian. Canadian publishing firms rely more on non-Canadian publishers, to make up their consortiums.

"Canadian publishers, because of non-density population, find it hard to make a growing business of Canadian authors and most of them depend on non-Canadian publishers to form consortiums," Mr. Newlin said.

From snapshots to Chatelaine, career takes off

By HEATHER JARDEN
Staff Writer

It started when a man came up and asked if he could take her picture. This happened a few times — on the bus, at the Pen Centre in St. Catharines.

Now Tracey Cook is a working model having done seven television commercials, a television show and several magazine covers.

After realizing her photogenic quality, Tracey decided to get pictures taken on her own. She pick ed the best pictures from three testings and showed them to the modelling agency closest to her Toronto apartment. Butler Tilden Bell accepted her on the first try.

Montreal

Three days after Tracey moved out of her parents' house in St. Catharines last June, she had a job modelling in Montreal. She had to quit a waitressing job because she was doing so much modelling. Once a few photographers got to know her, they recommended her to other photographers looking for a new face.

"After the initial shock wore off I started getting jobs because I could do the work well," she said. The photographers expected a lot from her even though she was new because she worked so much.

"Now that I know what to do I just go in, do the job and leave," Tracey said. "I had to fake it at first." Tracey used to practise posing by looking through fashion magazines the night before a job.

Commercials

She has been in commercials for Labatts 50, Pontiac, Sears, Home Hardware and Twist Shandy. Her face, surrounded by a mass of long, blonde hair, can be seen on a commercial for Alberto where she seems to be crooning "Oooh" but it's not her voice. All of the commercials Tracey has done have been SOC (Silent On Camera), where another's voice has been dubbed in.

She was a little nervous finding she had to do her first commercial. When she first walked in, she saw a mass of girls practising lines. There was a little video camera to face with a large table full of people, usually eating. When she was asked for her "slate" she couldn't answer because she did not know what it was. She was told it meant her name and the name of her agency but she was so nervous she forgot her agency's name.

Her hair was used for the TV show, Lifetime, where she accompanied her hairdresser, Robert Gage. She was on the cover of Chatelaine twice, Clindoeil, a fashion magazine and Avon's catalogue, has done flyers for Sears and The Bay and been in City Women and Sears catalogue.

One of the nice things about Tracey's career is the travelling she gets to do. She's been to Haiti, the Barbados, and went to Arizona for 10 days Feb. 7.

Tracey calls her agent, Alecia Bell, every night to find out what jobs she will be doing the next day. Alecia makes all bookings and takes all phone calls.

"She takes care of me," Tracey said. There are three or four agents in the agency each with a group of girls to take care of.

The pay is nice in a modelling career. Tracey makes $90 an hour unless she is on what's called a "daily" in which she works from 9 to 5 for $540. Alecia gets 15 per cent of what she makes.

Changes

A question a lot of girls probably wonder about is — does she get to keep the clothes? The answer is no. Although she thinks the clothes are "wonderful" Tracey does not get to keep anything.

A few minor changes had to be made by Tracey before becoming a model. She had to let her eyebrows grow in and lose a little weight. She is not on a diet now as she eats out all the time, but she has joined a fitness club in Toronto.

TRACEY COOK

She had to adjust to other models.

"A lot are a pain in the neck. They're really caught up in it," she said. "Most are decent and nice and we get along fine." She had to adjust to the way her friends treat her.

"People have changed towards me," she said. "They are either vey happy for me or hate my guts completely." Tracey's boyfriend, Mike, loves her being a model and most everyone is on her side.

Working an average of one booking a day, Tracey is trying to save money for the future. She would like to stick to modelling for another five years and then maybe take a course in real estate. She hopes to do some travelling to Germany or Japan to see what she can come up with.

"I have no long term goal," Tracey said. "I just take it day by day."

Big Brother for boy special birthday gift

By HEATHER JARDEN
Staff Writer

Jeff Pfaff could not have asked for a better birthday present four years ago when he met his Big Brother, Larry DesLaurier.

Larry and Jeff, now 12, met through the Big Brothers Association of St. Catharines. Although both were a little nervous at first, they hit it off right away.

"It was a great birthday present," Jeff said.

Every Tuesday evening Larry, 37, picks up Jeff so they may enjoy each other's company playing video games, bowling or going to the movies.

Larry felt the two were comfortable together from the first "because we're the same type of people." They were matched according to background, interests and personality by their case worker, Stan Baerg.

Spends time

Larry, retail manager at Unity Trim and Lumber Co. in St. Catharines, has not spent much time with children other than his two-year-old nephew.

"There's not a lot you can do with a two-year-old," he said. His wife, Arlene, who belongs to a similar group called Partnerettes, got him interested in Big Brothers by showing him pamphlets.

Most mothers are looking for someone who is a good moral character, someone who is willing to care for and spend time with their children.

"It is not a hobby one can just throw away," Stan said. "One has to be willing to make a commitment."

Consistency is very important. Big brothers should not make promises they cannot keep. Many boys have experienced disappointment from their fathers; the association tries to avoid this.

Three references are needed to become a Big Brother, one a relative, to judge moral character and sense of responsibility. Each reference must fill out a form of questions, one of which asks, would you accept this man as a Big Brother for your child?

Big Brothers are volunteers 18 or older, either married or single, who volunteer their time and money to help out a lonely boy. The oldest Big Brother in St. Catharines is 74.

Meets family

After being introduced to the rest of the family, the Big Brother spends little or no time in the boy's home, aside from picking him up before and returning him from a visit. He is expected to keep in contact with the caseworker once a month and is invited to group meetings throughout the year. Big and Little Brothers have group activities occasionally but most are on Saturdays when Larry works.

The lengths of relationships vary but the association generally requests a minimum of two years.

There are 55 boys, age six to 16, on a waiting list; some have been waiting for a year or more. Most boys come from a single-parent family. The problems they share stem from difficulties in coping with the separation of their parents, left with no father.

Volunteers

Big Brothers, originated in 1935, is funded by United Way. There are about 90 Big Brothers and 50 Big Sisters in St. Catharines.

"We don't think about an end," Larry said. But if he had to stop being Jeff's Big Brother for some reason, Larry said he would get back into it again.

Jeff said he wouldn't want another Big Brother if he couldn't have Larry.

"If I have to move I hope, it'll be in the future," Jeff said. "So I can be a Big Brother too."

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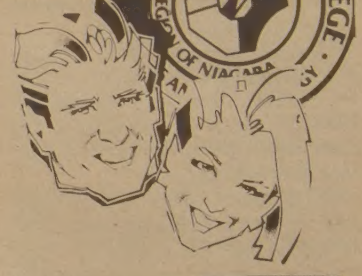

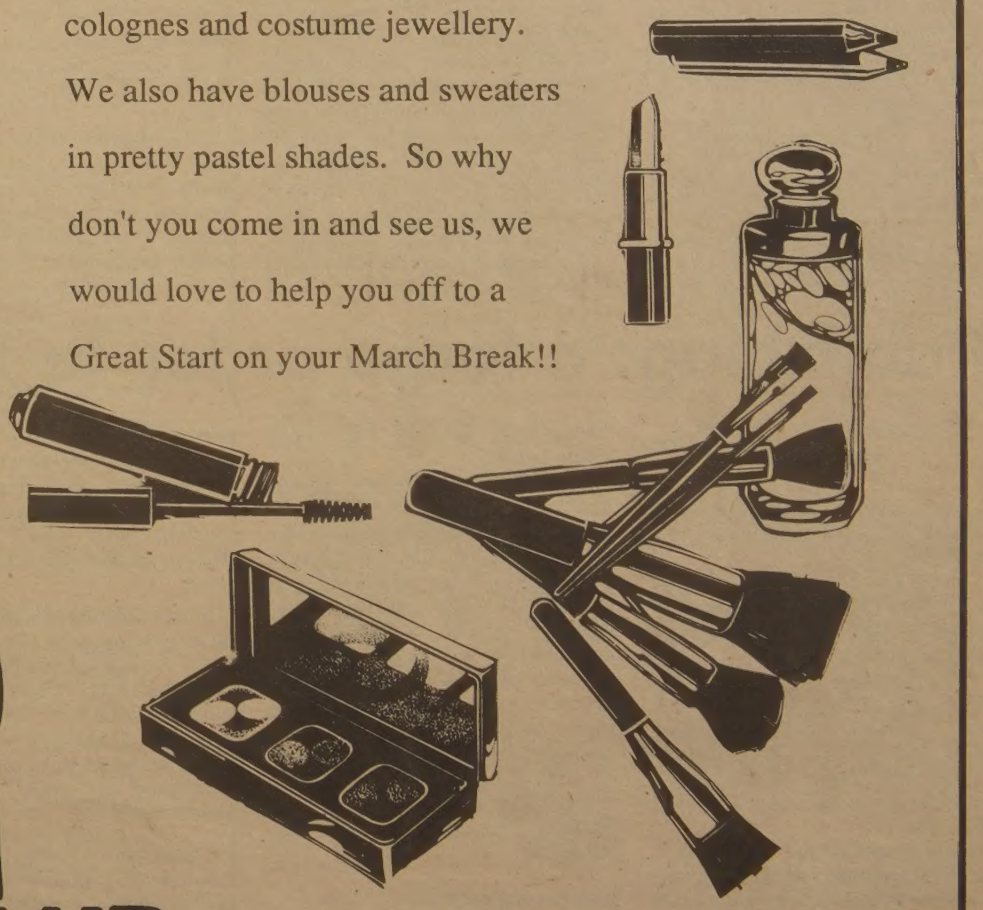

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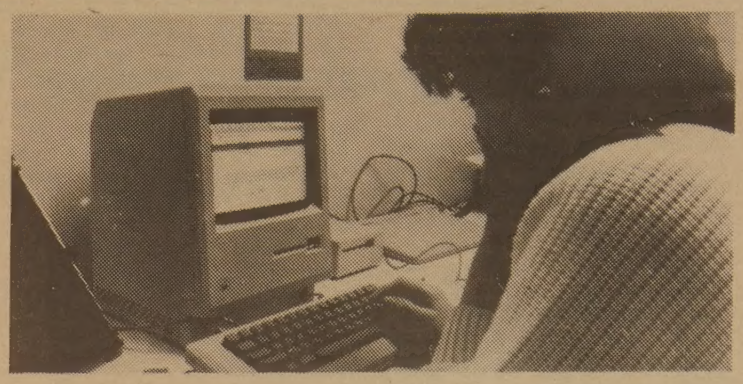
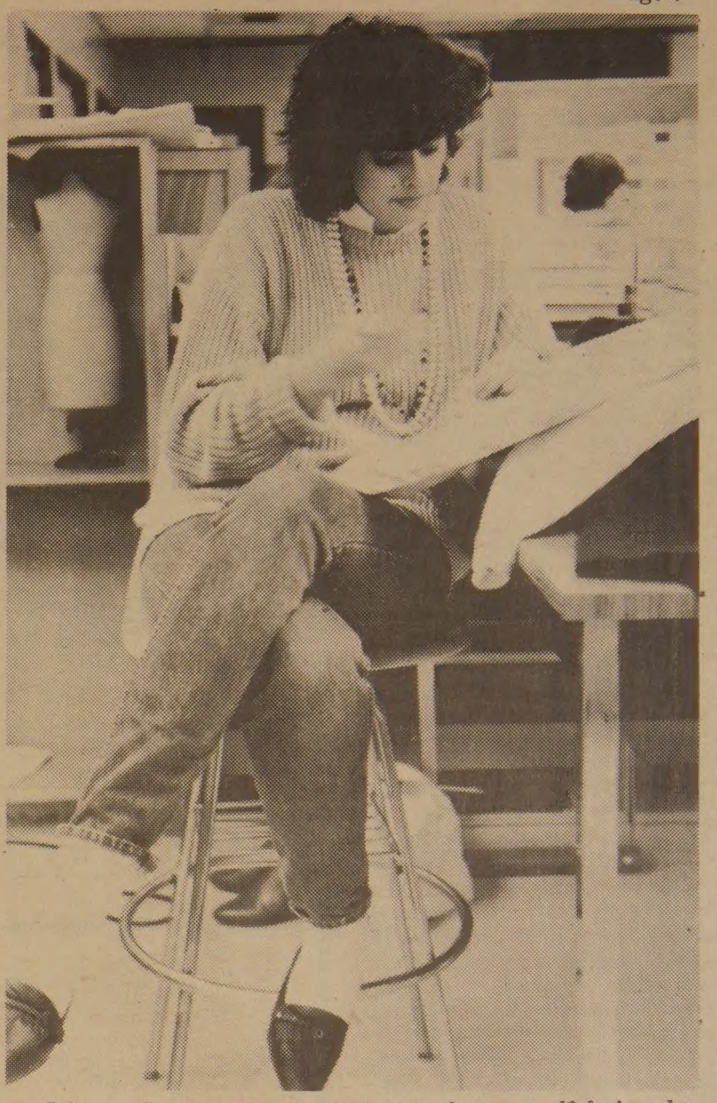


Angie Westover programs an advertisement on the computer.

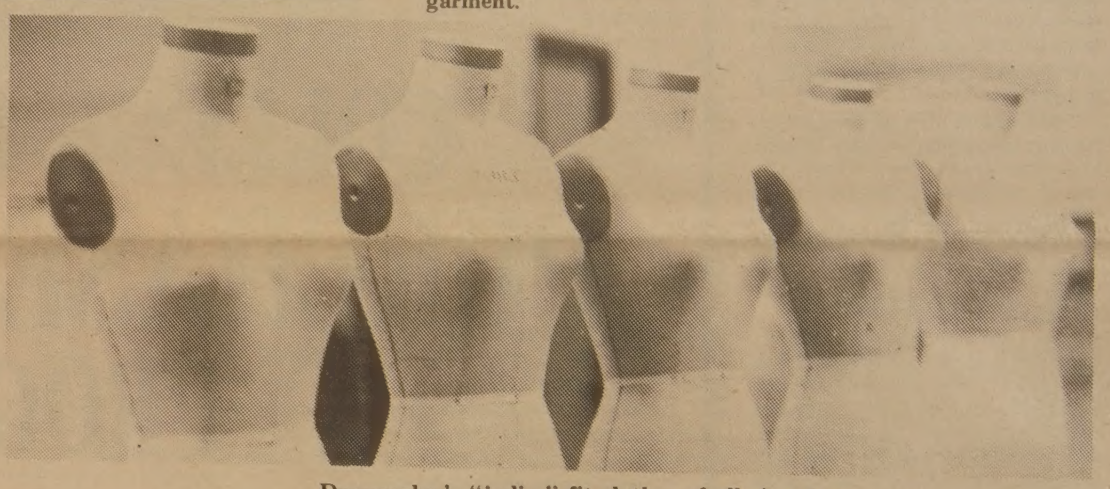


Johanne Gravel puts the finishing touches on a self-designed garment.

Fashion Arts

The Fashion Arts department is buzzing with activity these days as final preparations are made for a fashion show to be held in the cafeteria March 25. There, first and second-year fashion students will display talents they hope will never go out of style.

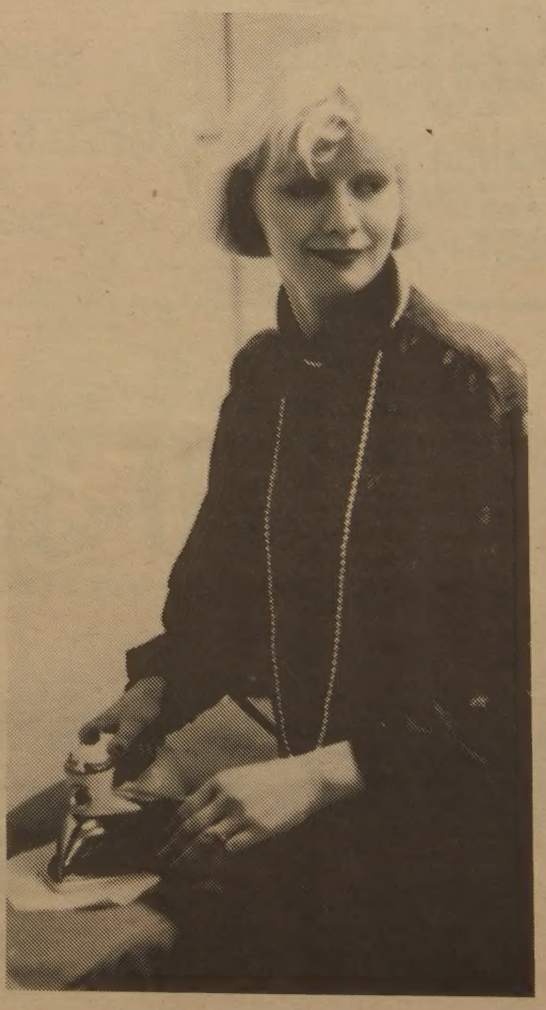
Barb Eastland sorts fabric for a new creation.



Dressmaker's "judies" fit clothes of all sizes to form.

Nora Fitzgerald drafts an advertising design.

Phoenix Lam, first-year fashion arts, checks swatches for a matching color tone.



Anne Von Bortzell irons her garment before the fitting.

Wade Pfaff makes final adjustments to a suit he designed for Paula Fawcett.

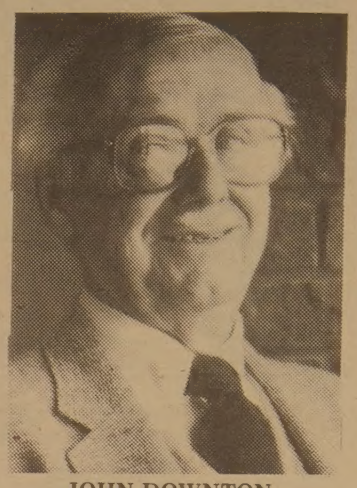
Design instructor gets heritage citation

John Downton, Niagara College instructor, has received a heritage citation for his contribution to the interior design field over many years.

The award was presented last October by the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario, a governing body which was created last year when the Ontario government made interior design a recognized, registered profession.

Mr. Downton, 76, part-time instructor at the college, was the first interior designer in Saskatoon, Sask.; he joined the Great Western Furniture Company in 1932.

There is more to interior design than most people realize, he said, and it is enjoying more public recognition than ever.



JOHN DOWNTON

SATISFYING PROFESSION

He tells his students in the three-year course that designing beautiful living spaces for people is one of the most satisfying professions. It is fantastic, he said, that the public now comes to interior designers for professional advice in the same way they would consult a lawyer or architect.

Besides learning technical skills such as scale and perspective, Mr. Downton tells his students they must have imagination, a sense of adventure and be able to get along well with clients. Graduates from the program are placed all over Canada.

It is essential that people surround themselves with things they enjoy living with, Mr. Downton said. He likes oriental carpets because they "do wonders" to give a room a touch of elegance. "They can be a worthwhile treasure." The right colors, pictures and paintings can help create a beautiful environment, too.

Student sculpts horse herd in $250,000 competition

By STEVE FORBES
Staff Writer

Painting in countries all over the world would be an accomplishment many people could only dream of, but for Larry Rosnuk, artist, it is a dream come true.

The latest project of the 38-year-old Welland Vale welding student is a metal sculpture of a herd of horses which he entered in a major sculpture competition two weeks ago in Toronto.

"I proposed a sculpture of a herd of horses for one of the two land sites in the competition," Mr. Rosnuk said.

"We all received architect drawings of the landscape and the area surroundings of the two sites."

There were no limits as to what the contestants could draw. Of the 400 contestants who entered, six finalists will be chosen for the large site and five finalists for the small site. The finalists will build a replica of their sculpture to the scale of one to 15.

The winner, picked by a jury, will receive $250,000 for the large site and $26,000 for the small site.

"It has always been my desire to do a public structure," Mr. Rosnuk said. "It would be nice to be a finalist, but I am not holding my breath. It's a dream, an artist lives on dreams."

"Some of the top picks will be exhibited and I hope mine will be picked. It would allow my name to get kicked around a bit and let people get familiar with my work."

Unique

The contest, open to the public, was unique in the way that to register, you were given a number and not a name, Mr. Rosnuk said. The jury has no idea of whose art it is; all they see is a number.

In 1983, Mr. Rosnuk bought a building in Port Colborne and hopes to set up a small art school.

"Not only would I like to set up shop, but also to give an artist from Toronto a place to stay for a few days and produce art."

Upon graduating from the 40-week welding course, Mr. Rosnuk not only hopes to do his own work but also help other students with their metal sculptures.

Mr. Rosnuk started painting in Kingston, Ont., in 1971, and has pieces of his private collections in Canada, U.S., England, France, Holland, Sweden, Morocco, West Germany, Switzerland and West Berlin.

"I am essentially an oil painter," he said. "Ninety-eight per cent of the time I work from what I see in front of me."

He graduated from Queen's University, Kingston, in 1972, with B.Sc. Eng. in geophysics, and attended the Fine Arts Department at St. Lawrence College, Kingston.

Only 12 vote in election

Despite a low turn-out of 12 members to the IEEE executive elections on Tuesday and the absence of one of the candidates, secret ballot voting took place as planned and Jeff Lennard was named president of the club.

"Casey Bones and intramural hockey killed us," outgoing president James Mallory said. "We have 120 doughnuts and only 12 people!"

Steven Jelbert is the new vice-president, John Raso secretary, Chris Evans treasurer, and Tony DiMarcantonio will look after the club's library of reference books as McNaughton chairman.

Jeff, Chris and John were the only ones who ran for their positions, so they got in by acclamation. Steve was originally running against Tony for the position of McNaughton chairman but decided to run for vice-president when Bill Altoft, the only opponent, didn't show up. He had asked to run by proxy. Votes were taken and counted for Bill but when a 6-6 tie resulted, Steve won by default.

On the club executive for the past two years, treasurer for the first, outgoing president James is proud of the club's accomplishments during that time.

"It's more organized now," he said. Files are set up so that the new executive can make decisions based on past club endeavors.

"One major step I'm proud of is eliminating smoking from the club room. We wanted to open the doors for everyone."

He also commented on the "very nice bank balance" he's leaving the executive.

"Two years ago the club was in the red; now we have a high operating capital."

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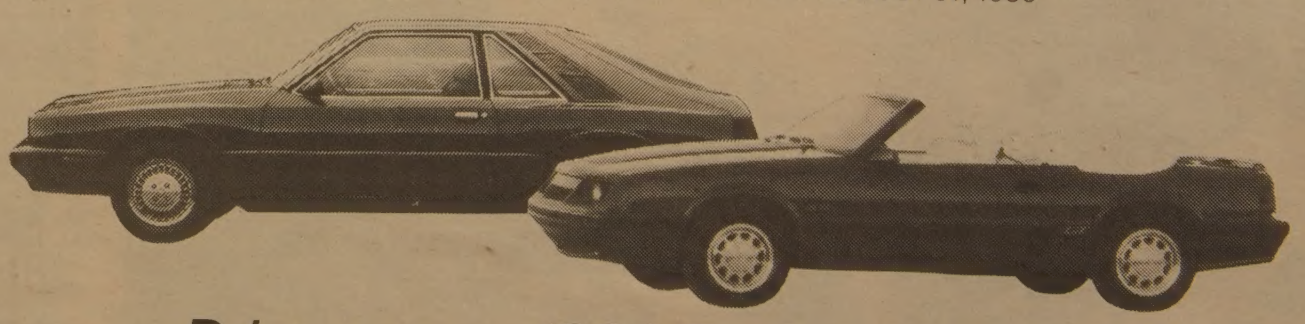

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Entertainment

Surgery of subconscious mind captivates mentalist's audience

By HEATHER JARDEN
Staff Writer

Do not buggeth thy neighbor, or look forward to spending the next three months as a frog!

These were the words of mentalist Casey Bones as he warned each of his new victims to volunteer to have "a little bit of surgery" done to their conscious and subconscious minds in the Hamilton room Feb. 18.

Casey began his show by choosing about 30 volunteers from the audience, telling them five hours of sleep could be gained through the hypnosis process. He also explained the process could not work on anyone in the audience and that anyone who claimed it was working on them "should be thrown out of the yearbook."

The participants were told to close their eyes and to sustain from talking with each other. Each began to feel more and more relaxed concentrating on Casey's soothing voice as he slowly talked them under.

In the first test the participants were given the simple task of separating their hands, which had been clasped together by Casey's touch. The audience gasped in amazement at the seemingly hopeless struggle.

Casey used to watch similiar acts six years ago when he worked as a booking agent in Houston. He studied psychology and hypnosis at the University of Southern California in Santa Barbara and said, "I could have used less training and more on-stage trial and error."

"I had an inkling for it," Casey, 29, said. "Looking back on shows I did, there was a little hocus pocus." Now he knows how to convey the information.

Enjoys work

Casey will remain a mentalist "until I get a major film offer," he said jokingly, "or until I get bored which won't be until eight years from now at least." He likes the travelling, fun, hours and pay of being a mentalist but said the pay is secondary because he enjoys what he is doing.

When it comes to quitting smoking or losing weight, Casey feels treatment by hypnosis is feasible because "if you think it will work, it will." Hypnosis is more or less a tool, used as a last resort for people who can't defeat the problem themselves.

Mike Korolenchuk, second-year marketing and management student, was a victim of Casey's. Mike played the part of Richard Simmons like a true actor. His only problem was trying to persuade the audience that "if you don't do 100 jumping jacks a day you will perish."

Others to visit the Hamilton room on this hypnotic day were Ed McMahon, a local member of the Hari Vishnu, world champion synchronized swimmers and a symphony orchestra.

After the show Mike asked Casey when he would be back to normal.

"I feel high," Mike said. "My eyes and lips are tingling."

It was Casey's second appearance at Niagara College and he performed at the Aquaduck Feb. 18.

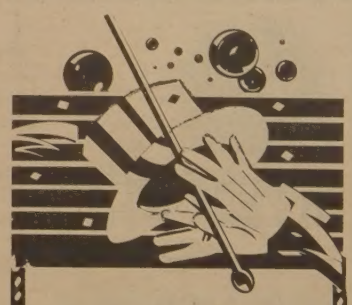
IEEE executive

New executive members for the IEEE club are, from top to bottom: Jeff Lennard, president; Steven Jelbert, vice-president; Chris Evans, treasurer; and Tony DiMarcantonio, McNaughton chairman. New secretary John Raso was not present. See election story on page eight.

Photo by Heather Ritchie

College honors Mackenzie

The Mackenzie Building at the Welland campus was named for William Lyon Mackenzie, the Father of Responsible Government in Ontario. Starting with his newspaper in Queenston and through his leadership of the unsuccessful Rebellion of 1837, Mr. Mackenzie championed government reform. He was not honored during his lifetime, and died nearly friendless and nearly penniless in 1861.



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Lighting instructor accepts seminar offer

By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

Doug Rathbun, lighting designer and instructor at the Niagara College Theatre Centre, plans to take his word processor to New Hampshire with him this summer. He has been accepted for a summer workshop for teachers, and the $2,000 fee has been waived.

The computer is for a lot of note-taking at the two-week workshop sponsored by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.

Mr. Rathbun, a 29-year-old Theatre Centre graduate, said of his early entry into the working world of lighting design, "I had to learn by the seat of my pants." He spent two seasons doing designs for a theatre in Sudbury, while still in school at the centre.

"I almost failed because of missing classes and assignments," he said. As a teacher he can muster little sympathy for students who aren't able to complete projects on time.

Unprepared

After graduating from college, he said he felt academically unprepared. He noticed while working in smaller theatres that no one looked into the script and asked, "what are we trying to say?" He returned to school, Brock University, and majored in Drama, for film criticism, with a minor in philosophy.

"College teaches you how and what, university teaches you why," he said. "I saw a correlation between what I was learning in philsophy and what I was doing in film."

He said a student right out of high school trying to get into the National Theatre School is advised to go and get about five years work and life experience.

"A lighting designer has to be a very keen observer of people, places, things, colors, forms and textures." Later, he will reproduce feelings those things have conjured in his designs.

Jokingly, Mr. Rathbun said he fully expects to find a lot of people at the seminar in heavy conversation about the physics of aeronautics or some such topic. "But I'm sure there will be artistic types as well as technical types there."

Fit criteria

Mr. Rathbun was accepted to participate in the July 6 to 19 seminar at the University of New Hampshire, after David Davies, chairman of creative arts and human services, sent the IESNA a letter of reference. "They were looking for teachers," Mr. Rathbun said. "I guess I fit the criteria."

"Lighting design is not just part of the performing arts," he said. There are designers who work on anything from the proper way to light building exteriors, to creating a work environment — with the aid of lighting — that will get maximum productivity for manufacturers.

"There is a definite psychology of color," Mr. Rathbun said. This is evident through the common metaphors given particular colors, for example: passionate red and royal purple, not to mention the old saying feeling blue. He pointed out that the theatre has employed color psychology for years, by use of a green (waiting) room before a stage appearance. The color was chosen because it can induce tranquillity.

"When designing environments for people to work in, "light source is important," he said. If you have bright, contrasting light, it becomes difficult for the eye to focus." He said many offices use sheets of plastic over rows of fluorescent lighting, eliminating shadows altogether.

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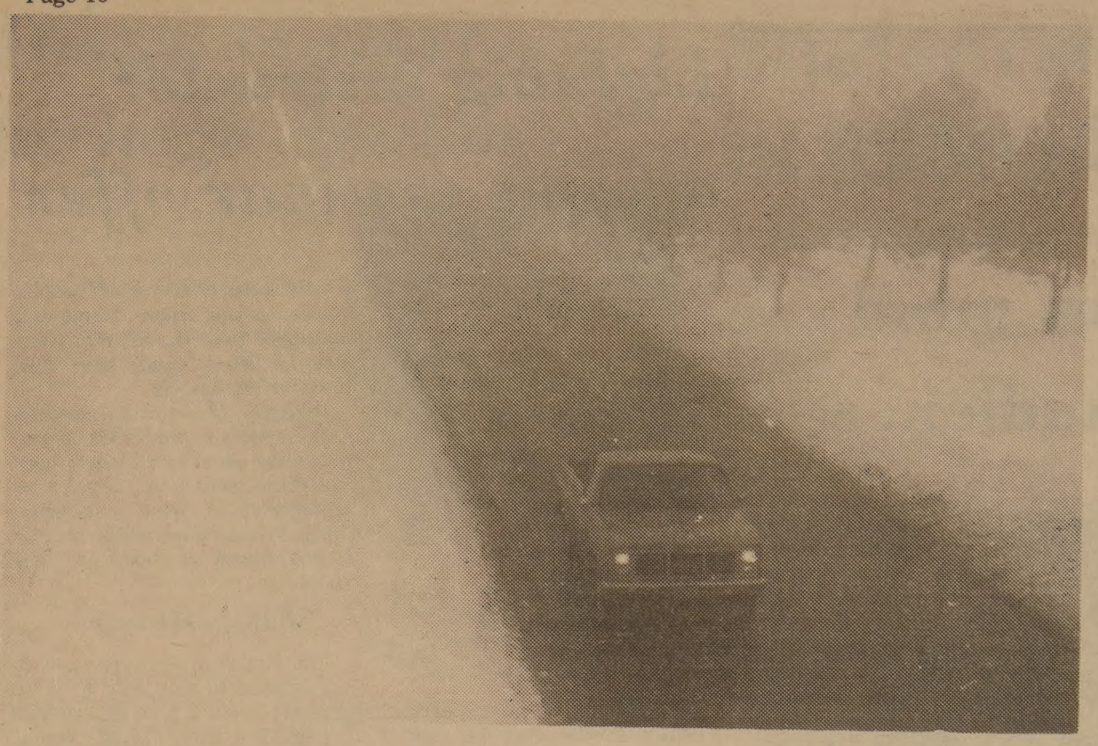

A truck pulls into the college's Voyageur wing parking lot after being navigated through foggy weather last Tuesday. Canadians spend more than half the year driving in slippery conditions, but a Niagara Falls driving instructor said most motorists are not prepared to deal with rough roads.

Photo by Sean Condon

Panic, braking, loss of control cause many car accidents

By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

Driving into school one morning, you drive through a curve in the road. Suddenly, your car goes into a slide. What do you do?

"Panic, hit the brakes, and lose control of the vehicle," John Claussen, driving instructor, said. "Most people forget themselves when faced with a frightening situation."

Mr. Claussen has been instructing driver education for 12 years. He works with Kory Driver Training in Niagara Falls.

Instict takes over when an "unusual" situation occurs. When that happens, all a driver can think to do is to stop whatever is happening. "The easiest way to stop is with the brakes," Mr. Claussen said. "But more often than not, that is the worst way."

Should a driver find himself starting to slide sideways, he should ease his foot off the accelerator, and steer the car in the direction the driver intends to go.

"The key is, to keep the front wheels pointing in the direction you intended them to travel," he said. "The forward momentum of the vehicle will do the rest."

A driver who wants to be prepared for handling emergency situations should go to an abandoned parking lot, and find out how to react.

Practise

Make sure there is no one around who can get hurt, and practise slowly. "The first few times the driver is likely to lose all control of the car, but after a couple of spins, he will learn how to feel his way through a slide."

Since Canadians spend more than half of their time driving in slippery conditions, Mr. Claussen doesn't understand why more people don't take the time to learn about handling panic situations.

If a driver is approaching a stopped vehicle and the road is slippery, an escape route, usually the shoulder of the road, should be held in mind.

Plan

"If you start to slide forward into the other car, you may stop in time — you may not," Mr. Claussen said. "It is better to have a plan of action. If you are running out of room, reduce pressure on the brake pedal so that the front wheels will start rotating, and drive toward the shoulder.

"Chances are that the shoulder will not be slippery and your car will be able to stop in time. You may run the risk of a few scratches, or a misaligned front-end, but so what?"

Attitude

The biggest problem he sees is the attitude people have toward winter driving. "People want to drive like it's summer, and it's not." He says that if people would learn to be more observant, slow down, be aware of potential problems and their possible escape routes, there would be fewer accidents.

Zooming down the snow-covered road with one hand on the wheel, one eye open and the radio blaring will only get you there quicker," Mr. Claussen said. "If you are purposely heading for trouble, that is."

Curriculum changes

Changes in high school and college curriculum will be discussed at a meeting of the Niagara South Business Directors Association and faculty from Niagara College's School of Business.

The NSBDA, an association of high school business department heads, will hold a professional development day here and meet with faculty at the college Feb. 28.

The meeting will essentially be a "rap session," Hans Van Der Slagt, dean of business, said. "We're anxious to know their concerns and what changes they are making."

Niagara Knights lose controversial game

With chairs and words flying about the Welland campus gym and the Niagara Knights men's basketball team losing its coach, Russ Stevenson, to an ejection, the fact that the Knights lost their game to the Fanshawe Falcons, 75-55 seemed somewhat anti-climactic.

The problems began early in the second half when Knight coaches Stevenson and Barry Golob became upset with referee Barry Campbell, missing what appeared to be blatant fouls. On several occasions both Mr. Golob and Mr. Stevenson cursed, but anyone within a mile of the gym could have heard their vivid descriptions of the referee's performance first-hand.

"If I don't see any quotes about the refereeing in the paper, I don't want to see you guys again!" Mr. Golob said, with about a minute to go in the game. Mr. Stevenson, in the meantime, was giving the referees an earful. He was ejected with seven seconds remaining.

FUMES

Mr. Golob, still fuming, kicked a chair which went hurtling into a nearby wall.

"We haven't had a ref capable of refereeing this calibre of ball all year and tonight it really showed," Mr. Golob said.

"Tonight they were the better team, but they had a lot of help from two very incompetent referees," Mr. Stevenson said.

Knight assistant coach Mike Holmes agreed the officiating was not what it should have been, but said, "Refs can lose one or two point games — but not 20."

Knight guard John Croce turned in a solid performance, playing almost the entire game and adding 12 points.

Croce, 20, was upset about the officiating, saying he told the referees on several occasions to watch for infractions that were occurring and not being called.

"It was terrible," he said. "We had twice the fouls they did."

At the half, the Knights held a 31-30 lead and were basically in control of their destiny. However, foul trouble and numerous turnovers in the Fanshawe zone in the second half prevented any possible scoring opportunities and the Knights seemed to lose their concentration and momentum.

"A couple of costly turnovers brought them into the game," Croce said. "Our outside shooting wasn't working and we didn't get the ball inside enough to Fred."

Niagara's foul trouble started soon after the tip-off. Andrew Mosley had three before the midway point of the first half and was forced to sit on the bench for much of the remainder of the game.

Fanshawe came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Knights 11-4. Most of the half was scrambly and unorganized, especially on the part of the Knights.

Victory at last!

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team came up with their first league victory of the season, knocking off the George Brown Huskies 45-40 while the men suffered a crucial 66-64 defeat towards their drive for the playoffs.

The games where played last Wednesday in Toronto with the results being opposite to what was expected. The men's game was particularly rough, with Knight forward Andrew Mosley being involved in a fight with a Husky player.

Sue Sbrizzi led the Knights with 20 points. Mary Gaudet added 10 points and Charlotte Prevost had six.

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High Rollers are champs

The High Rollers recently captured the women's intramural volleyball title, defeating Lasa 1 in straight sets, 15-8, 15-10. Pictured with their medals are, front row, left to right, Lorraine Cutler, Lori McQuiggan and Sherry Lee. Second row, left to right, Allison Warner, Shelley Dell, Wendy Johnson and Misette Critelli. Absent for the photo was Jacqueline Boilard.

Photo by Angus Gillespie

Knights earn victory, home ice advantage

By WAYNE CREIGHTON
Staff Writer

Spectacular goaltending, strong defensive play and two goals 58 seconds apart combined to lead the Niagara College men's hockey team to an exciting 6-4 victory over the Erie Community College Kats. The win clinched third place for the Knights and assures them of home ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Niagara goaltender Mark Heagle was extremely sharp throughout the fast-paced game, played Feb. 15, at the Welland arena. "Heagle won the game for us," said Niagara coach Fred Bassi. Heagle was especially good in the first two periods. The Kats peppered him with 31 shots and scored only two goals.

With Niagara clinging to a two goal lead late in the third period, Jim Olsson was assessed a major penalty for high-sticking and a couple of minutes later, Curtis Kelly went off for roughing, leaving the Knights two men short. Erie did score one powerplay marker but strong penalty killing from Doug Jones, Rob Wyatt and Cam Bedard stopped any further Erie scoring thrusts. "We weathered the storm very well," said Knights' assistant coach Cam Wilson.

LED ATTACK

Dennis Iamarino led the Knights' scoring attack with a three-goal performance. Iamarino has five goals in the Knights last three games. Doug Jones, with two, and Jim Olsson also scored for Niagara. Jon Gross scored twice for the Kats with singles coming off the sticks of Mike Foglia and Mark Pienta.

Gross opened the scoring at the 14:13 mark of the first period with Erie enjoying a two-man advantage. A nice pass from Wyatt set Jones up for a powerplay goal at 6:12 and the first period ended 1-1.

Iamarino got his first of the night just 2:19 into the second period when he stole the puck from an Erie defenceman and tucked it past Kats' goalie Gary Bass. Foglia tied the game when he managed to slide a backhander by Heagle. Iamarino restored Niagara's lead when he knocked the rebound from Cam Huffman's point shot into an open net.

TIE AGAIN

Gross tied the score again when he scored from a scramble in front of Heagle early in the third period. Olsson gave Niagara back the lead on a nice individual effort with Erie shorthanded and less than a minute later Iamarino made it 5-3 for Niagara. Pienta blasted home a shot from the blue line to narrow the margin to one but the Knights did a good job killing off the rest of Olsson's major penalty. Jones added a powerplay goal for Niagara with only 46 seconds left in the game to make a final 6-4 for the Knights.

Although pleased with the victory, coach Bassi wasn't happy with the late penalties. "We can't win the playoffs playing undisciplined hockey," he said. Iamarino praised the performance of Heagle. "He really held us in there in the first period," the Knights' forward said.

Erie outshot the Knights 48-39. The win gives Niagara a record of 8-4-1.

Voyageur

The Voyageur wing, which houses radio and television broadcasting and several technology programs, was named for the first real explorers and travellers in Canadian society. The Voyageurs succeeded the coureurs do bois in the fur trade during the 17th century. The new traders opened Ontario to the world by charting new waterways and portages.

Playoff hopes dim, Knights lose 86-71

By J. ANGUS GILLESPIE
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights lost their second consecutive game, losing to the defending national collegiate men's basketball champions, the Sheridan Bruins 86-71, and thus minimized their chances of earning the sixth and final playoff spot.

The Knights played an inspired second half, in a game played at the Welland campus gym Feb. 15, keeping pace with the fast executing Bruins, outscoring the Oakville college by one point, but a dismal output for about five minutes of the first half left the Knights 16 points down.

Forward Andrew Mosley was a standout performer for the Knights picking up 16 rebounds, 11 defensive and five offensive, three steals and 18 points.

Mosley, 20, said Sheridan is definitely the best team in the league. "They were running us and I don't think we expected it, even though we know they are a good running team." He said the Knights had planned to run with the fast break offence of the Bruins.

PROSPECTS TOUGH

The loss left the Knights with a 7-11 record, but if they advance to the playoffs, Mosley admits it will be difficult to win. "We have to play away so it'll be tough, but in playoff games anything can happen."

Mosley said he concentrates more on his defensive game and prefers passing off to the open man. "I like to pass a lot more than shoot," he said. "I like it when Fred and I are in the game at the same time because I can pass off to him if he's open underneath."

The Bruins were also plagued by fouls as three of their starting players continued playing throughout the second half with four fouls, but their head coach decided to keep his top players in the game due to improved play by the Knights.

Martin Johnson of Sheridan completely controlled the play during the first half, but closer guarding by the Knights and his apprehension about playing with four fouls decreased his productivity in the second half.

IMPORTANT GAMES

If the Knights pick up victories in their final two games on the road, the team would finish with a season record of 9-11, which should be enough to narrowly eliminate Conestoga, provided the Kitchener team losses its final two games.

Knight forward Vern Bovell turned in an aggressive grinding game for the Knights, picking up several loose balls and challenging the Bruin players under the boards.

Knight coaches Russ Stevenson and Barry Golob were pleased with the team's performance, but wondered what the results might have been had the Knights contained the Bruins in the first half.

"We had a five-minute lapse in the first half and when you're playing the third ranked team in Canada you have to expect to fall behind by 15," Mr. Golob said.

Mosley and Frank Greco were top scorers for Niagara with 18 apiece and Vern Bovell had 12. Usual high scoring Fred Jashanmal was held to six points. Johnson was the game's high scorer with 22, while Hardley Scott had 18 and Bruce Nelson 12.

Falcons win

The women Knights started off well against the visiting Fanshawe Falcons Feb. 13, falling behind only 8-2 in the first 10 minutes before finally succumbing 52-21.

Although they always play to win, Knights' guard Donna Stonos said they had another goal in mind going into the game.

"We wanted to hold them to 12 points per quarter."

Niagara scored first and seemed to be holding their own until missed shots and turnovers took their toll.

They were behind by 14 points before they sank their second basket at the 10-minute mark.

The Falcons' forwards seemed to be penetrating the zone defence at will, cutting between the high forwards and the low defence and held a commanding 31-13 lead at half-time.

TIGHTENED UP

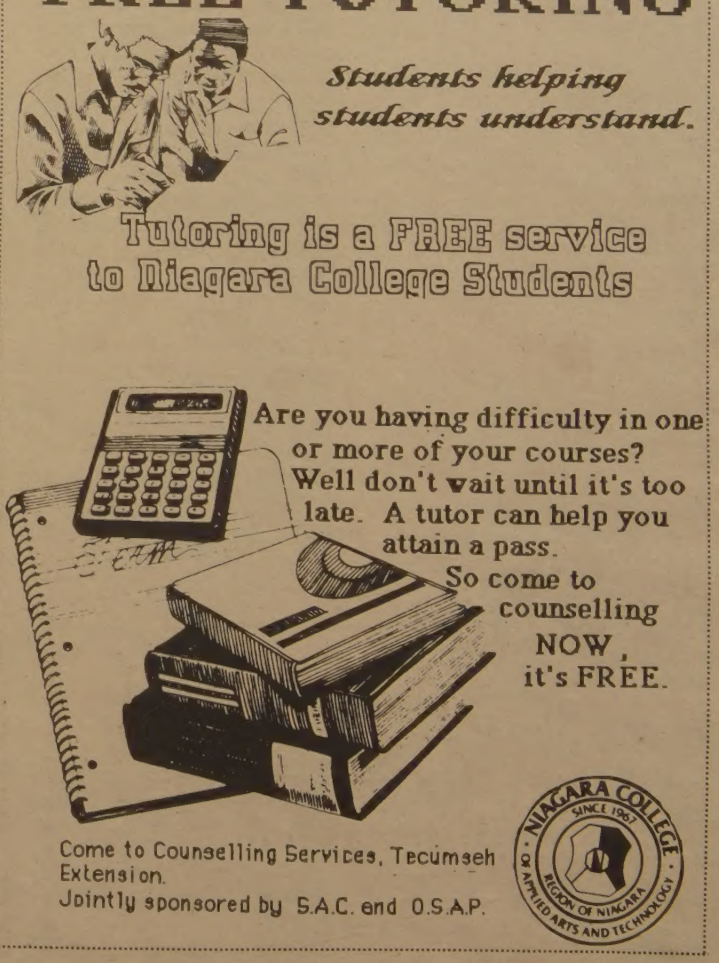
In the second half the Knights tightened up and permitted the Falcons only 21 points.

"We concentrated on defence more in the second," Donna said. "We also moved up on their cutters and boxed out better under the boards."

Although they played better without the ball, they still were inconsistent on offence, managing a mere eight points in the last half.

High scorer for the game was Niagara's Charlotte Prevost, with 11. Other scorers for the Knights were: Sue Sbrizzi, 4; Mary Gaudet, 2; Donna Stonos, 2; and Nancy Thompson, 2.

High scorers for Fanshawe were Sue Payson with 10, Karen Bultje, 8, Kim Davis, 7, and Theresa Colizza, 7.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Fort Erie's Glenn Hutton engineers railroads, rhymes

By JOE McCARTHY
Staff Writer

Man has had a love affair with trains since the invention of the steam engine. Many a song has been written about the heroic deeds of engineers who died at the throttle of their engines, Casey Jones probably being the best known.

Glenn Hutton is a railroad engineer who operates his engine in the Fort Erie yard making up trains which will travel to points east and west. He is also the unofficial resident poet of Fort Erie and has served as elected alderman in the town for three years.

The poetry bug bit Mr. Hutton when he was a child. He used to read poetry to his brother and sisters and particularly remembers Babes in the Woods.

In 1950, Mr. Hutton was hired to fire on board a steam engine. After nine years as a fireman, he worked on the spare board, a position where an employee awaits a call to work. The work is usually sporadic, "feast or famine" is the best way to describe it, he said. By 1963, Mr. Hutton was running regularly as a train engineer. There were still steam locomotives operating, and Mr. Hutton regularly made runs to St. Thomas, London, Stratford, Toronto, Jarvis and Caledonia.

Railroading was not new to the Huttons. A grandfather, brother and sister have all worked on Canadian railroads.

Writes poetry

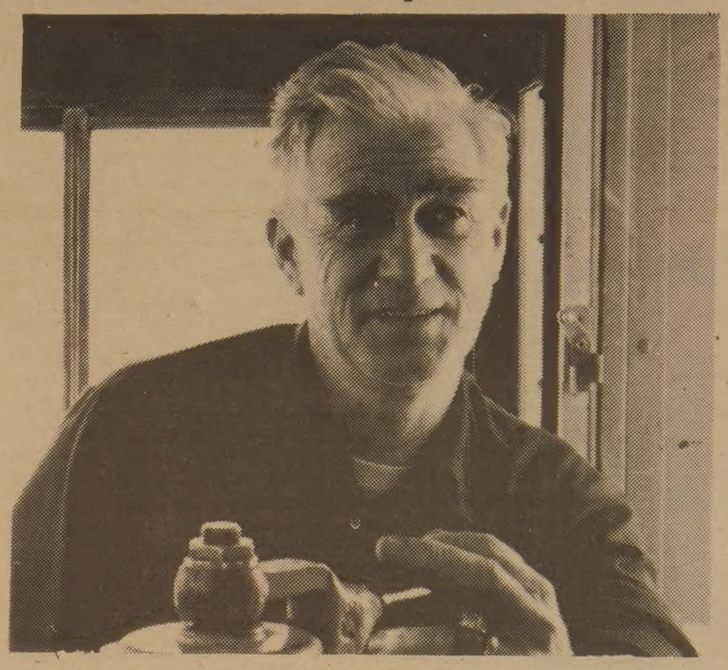
"The love of poetry must be in the family because my father wrote poetry too," he said. "I am always writing; I can never tell how, why, or when I'll write, whenever the opportunity or the spirit moves me I guess." It may be for a special occasion, or how something in the natural world strikes him.

"Sometimes it's a complete poem from start to finish. Other times, I may work on a particular piece over a two-year period."

Mr. Hutton has published two booklets, Poems 1 and Poems 2, a selection of his works, and a children's feature called Brian the Hockey Lion. The latter is a story in verse of an African lion who becomes interested in hockey and comes to Canada to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Besides railroading and poetry, Mr. Hutton is active in his community with the Royal Canadian Army Cadets of the 2966. As a commissioned captain, he serves on the civilian instructor's list. For 18 years he has been bandmaster for a 25-member unit band.

About his thoughts on railroading he said, "It's different today than in the old steam days. You actually had to write for your certification as a fourth-class engineer. Today, engineers are called enginemen, there is no steam operator classification any more."



GLENN HUTTON

Glenn Hutton, Railroad Engineer, comes from a long line of railway men and works the Fort Erie yard daily.

Photo by Joe McCarthy

Hennepin was first

Louis Hennepin was the first European to send back factual information of the Niagara area. Father Hennepin, a missionary and explorer, sighted and described Niagara Falls on Dec. 10, 1678. Hennepin Hall at the Welland campus is named after him.

Winter beating puts tires under pressure

Let's face it, it is too darn cold outside to be crawling around cars looking at things like the tires.

However, tire maintenance is more important during the months of ice and snow than it is in the summer. The tires take more of a beating at this time of the year because of the climate.

"The main thing is to keep an eye on the air pressure," said Drew Wilson, owner of A and D Service, Niagara Falls. "The changes in temperature result in differing amounts of pressure in the tires.

"This is really important when using the all-season radials because of the unique tread design."

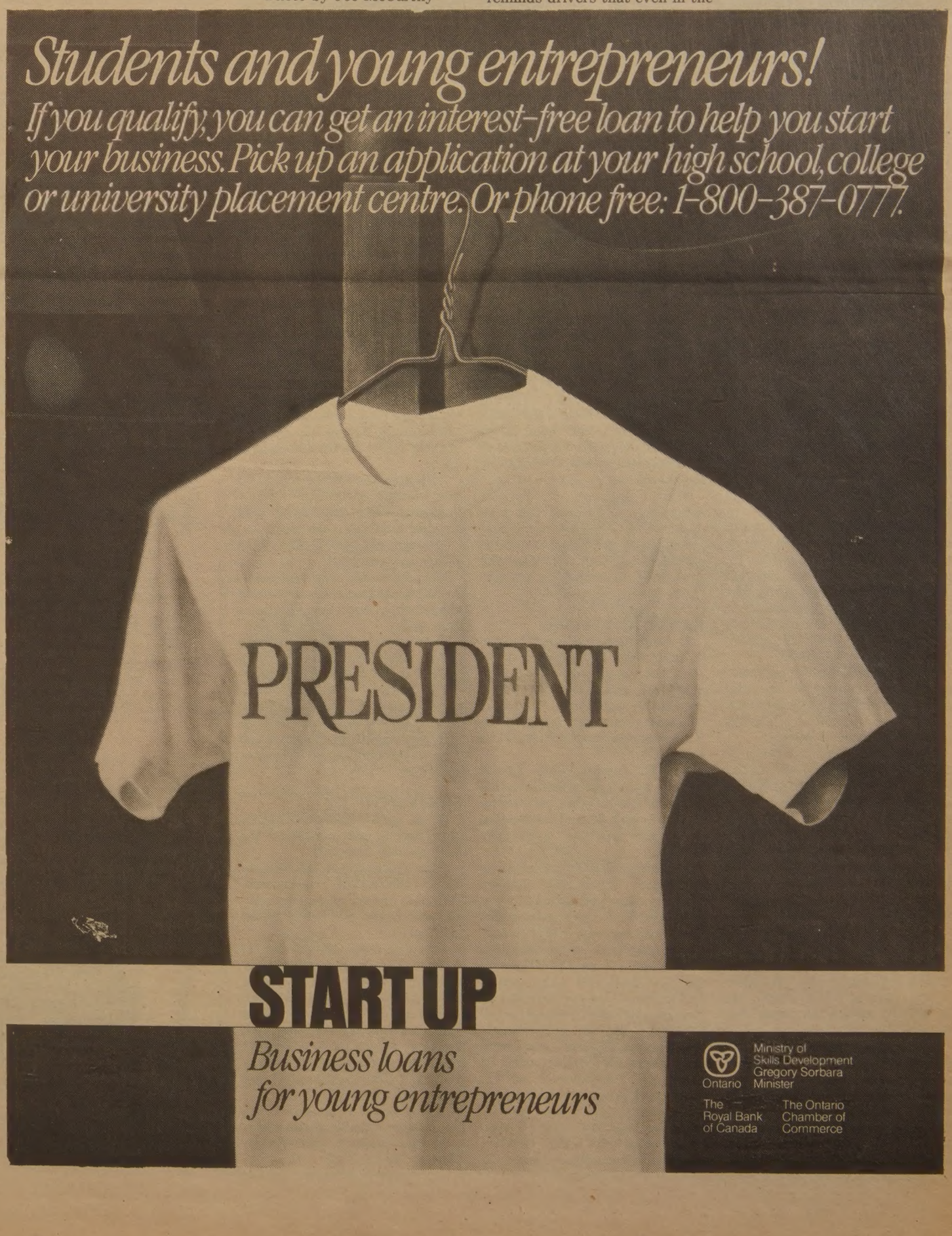
Another thing that many motorists forget about is the front-end wheel alignment. The consensus is that a poor alignment is not harmful to the tires because driving on the snow does not cause any wear. Mr. Wilson reminds drivers that even in the worst winter, they are driving on dry pavement 85 per cent of the time. This will cause excessive wear to the tires.

Inflation of tires should be checked frequently, especially with radials where "for years drivers were told that radial tires always look soft," Mr. Wilson said. "But they must be looked at carefully to see if they are just soft-looking or flat."

A routine inspection pattern should be developed by drivers. "I recommend that people check their tire pressure every other fill-up," Mr. Wilson said. "They should run a hand over the tread as well to check for wear and handling problems.

LEARN TO FALL

It is not enough for man to know how to ride. He must also know how to fall.
-North American Indian proverb.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